

REMARKS**I. Status of the Claims**

Claims 1-48 are currently pending in this application. Claims 32-34 and 40 have been allowed.

By this Amendment, claims 1, 4, 5, 8, 10, 12, 14, 19, 20, 22, 26, 27, 29 and 38 have been amended. Claims 3, 9, 13, 15-17, 21, 23-25, 30-31, 35-37, 39 and 41-48 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 49-51 have been newly added. No new matter has been introduced by this Amendment. Entry and consideration of this Amendment are respectfully requested. Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10-12, 14, 18-20, 22, 26-29, 32-34, 38, 40 and 49-51 would be pending.

II. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1, 4-8, 10-11 and 18-19 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Murakami et al. (U.S. Patent Re 35,104) in view of Odaka (U.S. Patent No. 5,172,380) further in view of Brim (U.S. Patent No. 5,835,914). Claims 2-3, 9, 22-31, 35-39 and 41 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Murakami et al. (U.S. Patent Re 35,104) in view of Engelbrecht et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,912,917) further in view of Brim (U.S. Patent No. 5,835,914). Claims 12-17, 20-21 and 42-48 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Murakami et al. (U.S. Patent Re 35,104) in view of Hunsinger et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,956,624) further in view of Brim (U.S. Patent No. 5,835,914). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of these claims, for the reasons set forth below.

Claims 3, 9, 13, 15-17, 21, 23-25, 30-31, 35-37, 39 and 41-48 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, thereby rendering the rejection of these claims moot.

Independent claims 1, 8, 12, 18, 19, 20, 22 and 38, as amended, are directed to an information processing apparatus or method which generates (transmits) or receives each of a broadcast signal which multiplexes first information of a Markup language description format, and a broadcast signal which multiplexes second information without using the Markup language description format. A non-limiting example of such an arrangement is provided on Figs. 6A, 6B and 8 and accompanying description the Applicants' specification.

It is respectfully submitted that the cited references of Murakami, Odaka, Engelbrecht, Hunsinger and Brim, individually or in combination, do not disclose or suggest the above-noted claimed feature.

Murakami, Odaka, Engelbrecht and Hunsinger do not disclose or suggest that information to be distributed is information of a Markup language format, as the Examiner states in the Office Action. Each of these references, thus, fails to teach or suggest the transmission means or the reception means, recited in the amended independent claims.

The cited reference Brim simply teaches that document data to be transmitted from a Web server to a client computer includes HTML information (column 4, lines 11-17). However, this reference also fails to teach or suggest to generate (multiplex) or receive different broadcast signals as recited in the amended independent claims.

In view of the foregoing, claims 1, 8, 12, 18, 19, 20, 22 and 38 and the claims dependent therefrom are patentably distinguishable over the cited references, individually or in combination.

Newly added independent claims 49 and 51 also recite similar features as the amended independent claims 22 and 38. For similar reasons as discussed above for claims 22 and 38, these new claims and their dependent claims are also patentably distinguishable over the cited references, individually or in combination.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims and allowance of this application.

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 13-4503, Order No. 1232-4450. A DUPLICATE OF THIS DOCUMENT IS ATTACHED.

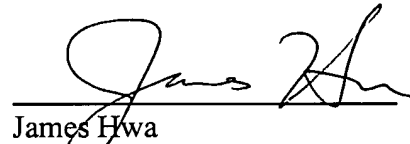
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